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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007, the period for response to which extends through January 11, 2008, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Attachment to this Amendment includes one (1) Declaration with an English language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-303422.